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Indigo Girls' Performance to Support Housing for New Orleans Musicians

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What: Indigo Girls perform to benefit Sweet Home New Orleans. Three5Human opens.

When: Sunday, September 16th, 2007 at 9 pm

Where: Tipitina's, 501 Napoleon Ave., New Orleans, LA

Indigo Girls return to New Orleans on September 16th to continue their support of efforts to revitalize the city's music community in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Grammy Award-winning Indigo Girls' latest album, "Despite Our Differences" marks their 20th anniversary as nationally prominent recording artists.

This performance is for the benefit of Sweet Home New Orleans (SHNO), an umbrella organization for 14 non-profit agencies serving New Orleans' music community. SHNO provides relocation, housing, and social services to musicians and tradition bearers in need. Thousands of New Orleans musicians have yet to find stable housing in their neighborhoods since the flood of 2005. SHNO's mission is to help these artists return to their communities, where they can revitalize the city and share their unique culture with future generations. Indigo Girl Amy Ray says, "The culture, the music, the rituals of New Orleans are so important to this country. We owe it to these musicians to bring them back and rebuild the communities that they live and thrive in."

Emily Saliers of Indigo Girls adds, "There is no other city in the world like New Orleans, and the heart and soul of the city beats and breathes by its music and musical heritage. We want our brothers and sisters from New Orleans to be able to get back home and continue to share with us the unique and powerful gift that is their music. What happens to any of them happens to us all."

Indigo Girls performed in support of SHNO in May, 2007 as part of "Musicians Bringing Home Musicians II", an event presented by the Future of Music Coalition and Air Traffic Control that brought artists from around the country to support New Orleans. The show on September 16th will be a full Indigo Girls concert that affirms the group's commitment to the cultural revitalization of New Orleans.

Ray says, "We are so glad to be coming back to New Orleans to play this important benefit. We'll be doing a full acoustic duo show and will play songs from all our records. Also our good friends Three5Human will be rocking with us so we can do all our favorite rock songs like Rock and Roll Heaven's Gate and Trouble."

Indigo Girls and Sweet Home New Orleans are also launching an online auction in cooperation with Charity Folks (www.charityfolks.com) to benefit the organization. Up for bid is a chance to sing "Closer to Fine" on-stage with Indigo Girls during their show at Tipitina's.

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